IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

GREGORY BOCOOK)
210 Hamilton St.)
Coal Grove, Ohio 45638	
) Case No.: 1:11-cv-353
Plaintiff,)
) JURY DEMAND REQUESTED
v.)
) VERIFIED CIVIL COMPLAINT
) (Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)
GOLD KEY CREDIT, INC.)
16070 Aviation Loop Dr.)
Brooksville, Florida 34604)
)
Defendant.)

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

GREGORY BOCOOK (Plaintiff), by his attorneys, KAHN AND ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., alleges the following against GOLD KEY CREDIT, INC. (Defendant):

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15
 U.S.C. 1692 et seq. (FDCPA).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy," and 28 U.S.C. 1367 grants this court supplemental jurisdiction over the state claims contained therein.

- 3. Because Defendant conducts business in Ohio, personal jurisdiction is established.
- 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 *U.S.C.* 1391(b)(2).

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in Coal Grove, Lawrence County, Ohio and is allegedly obligated to pay a debt, and Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(3).
- 6. Pursuant to the definitions outlined in 15 U.S.C. 1692a(1-6), Defendant is a debt collector and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff which was allegedly due and owing from Plaintiff, and Plaintiff is a consumer debtor.
- 7. Defendant is a debt collector with an office in Brooksville, Florida.
- 8. Defendant uses instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another and is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 9. Defendant is a collection agency that in the ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of itself or others, engages in debt collection.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 10. Defendant constantly and continuously places collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged debt.
- 11. For at least the past four (4) months, Defendant has been calling Plaintiff approximately 3-4 times per week.
- 12. Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff on telephone number: 740-646-4545.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 13. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:
 - a. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse the Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt.
 - b. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring and engaging Plaintiff is telephone conversations repeatedly and continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, and harass Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, GREGORY BOCOOK respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, GOLD KEY CREDIT, INC. for the following:

- 14. Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692k,
- 15. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692k
- 16. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, GREGORY BOCOOK, requests a jury trial in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KAHN & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

/s/ J. Daniel Scharville
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VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO

Plaintiff, GREGORY BOCOOK, states the following:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
- 2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
- 3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law.
- 4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- 5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, GREGORY BOCOOK, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date